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TITLE: Consideration of Proposed Commission Orders 2, 5-10, and 26 for the 2007-2008 Hunting Season

DESCRIPTION: The Commission will consider and may vote to approve Commission orders 2 (deer), 5-10 (fall turkey, fall javelina, bighorn sheep, fall buffalo, fall bear, and mountain lion), and 26 (population management) establishing seasons and season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas. A detailed description of all proposals is available for public review at all Department offices.

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Summary:

The Department is recommending seasons, season dates, bag and possession limits, permit numbers, and open areas for Commission orders 2 (deer), 5-10 (fall turkey, fall javelina, bighorn sheep, fall buffalo, fall bear, and mountain lion), and 26 (population management seasons) according to hunt guidelines approved by the Commission during December 2005 for a two-year period, as amended at the April 2006 Commission meeting. Because the hunt guidelines were approved for a two-year period, no public meetings discussing the guidelines were held prior to the April 2007 Commission meeting, although each Region will host, prior to the April Commission meeting, an open house where final recommendations will be available for public review and discussion.

The Commission directed the Department to allocate at least 2% of the general deer permits and at least 2% of the general turkey permits to juniors-only seasons. The recommendations in this package offer 5.3% juniors-only deer permits (800 of which are antlerless permits on the Kaibab in Unit 12AW) and 2.6% juniors-only turkey permits. This allocation of juniors hunting opportunity to selectively expose more youth to hunting is consistent with recommendations from the hunter recruitment and retention report and related direction from the Commission to facilitate increased hunter recruitment.

Within this hunt recommendation package, the Department recommends maintaining deer and javelina fall seasons adopted last year. No more than 10% of general white-tailed deer hunting opportunities are recommended to occur during the December hunt structure. Javelina permits

are recommended for fall seasons in Region 5 to provide a greater diversity of opportunity to hunters. Juniors-only archery and muzzleloader javelina seasons have also been added in Unit 39. These recommendations should favorably impact hunter recruitment and retention.

Species-specific information is provided under the corresponding Commission order.

COMMISSION ORDER 2 – DEER

The Department is recommending 40,055 general deer permits in 2007, an increase of 2,080 permits statewide from 2006. Archery seasons for 2007 are recommended consistent with the structure in 2006; mandatory archery harvest reporting through the phone line appears to have improved substantially during the past year. White-tailed deer permits are recommended for an increase of 900 permits. Antlered mule deer permits are recommended for an increase of 1,180, although declining population numbers in southeastern Arizona dampened the overall increase. Juniors permits are recommended at 2,130 (5.3% of general), an 820 permit increase over 2006. The December archery deer and general deer seasons are recommended to begin on December 14, 2007. Muzzleloader permits are recommended at 930 permits, an increase of 20 from 2006. A 10-permit CHAMP deer hunt will once again be offered on Fort Huachuca.

For the early hunts in Units 12A and 12B, the Department is recommending earlier season dates (October 12-21, 2007) because the later dates during 2006 (October 27-November 5, 2006) resulted in higher than expected hunt success. The Department is recommending a 900-permit early general antlered season (400 permit increase) in Unit 12AW and a 300-permit early general antlered season (150 permit increase) in Unit 12AE; the earlier season structure allows for increased hunter opportunity while still addressing management of buck:doe ratios within alternative guidelines. The Department is also recommending back-to-back juniors-only antlerless seasons, 500 permits and 300 permits respectively, for a total of 800 permits (700 permit increase as compared to 2006) on the Winter Range Hunt Area in response to increased forage use and continued population growth. These recommendations are consistent with the Alternative Deer Management Plan approved by the Commission in April 2006; the Department recommends that the Kaibab deer herd continue with management for slight population growth until habitat research and restoration measures are complete. The Commission will be provided with a briefing on current Kaibab research status and habitat restoration implementation.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 2 – DEER AS PROPOSED.**

COMMISSION ORDER 5 –TURKEY

The fall general turkey season is recommended to run October 12-18, 2007 with 5,840 permits, which is an increase of 530 permits over 2006. There are 150 juniors-only season turkey permits recommended (2.6% of general) with the same season dates as the general fall season. In Unit

12A, the fall turkey season is recommended to run October 5-11, 2007 to avoid overlapping the proposed dates for the early deer seasons.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 5 – TURKEY AS PROPOSED.**

COMMISSION ORDER 6 – JAVELINA

For fall 2007, the Department is recommending the same fall javelina season structure as for 2006. The archery season dates are coincidental with the first 10 days of archery deer (August 31-September 9, 2007), the HAM season is scheduled to coincide with the first 10 days of the small game season (October 12-21), and the general season is scheduled to coincide with a 10-day deer season (November 9-18). The Department is recommending 660 archery, 605 HAM, and 920 general season permits.

New for 2007, the Department is recommending juniors-only archery and muzzleloader javelina hunts in Unit 39 with 15 archery permits during November 2-15, 2007, and 10 muzzleloader permits during November 16-25, 2007. These hunts will target javelina population that is increasing and occupying the Robbins Butte Wildlife Area, and are being piloted to enhance big game hunter recruitment near the Phoenix metro area.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 6 – JAVELINA AS PROPOSED.**

COMMISSION ORDER 7 – BIGHORN SHEEP

Bighorn sheep permits are recommended for a total of 96, an increase of 3 from last year. Units 15B and 15C are still at reduced numbers from historic levels. A more recent decline in the Kofa Mountains (Units 45A, B, and C) was noted in surveys this year; however sufficient rams are present in Unit 45A to merit a 1-permit increase (5 total). Units 45B and C each are recommended for a 1-permit decrease (1 and 4 total in each unit, respectively). Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep continue to do well and comprise 14 of the permits recommended.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 7 – BIGHORN SHEEP AS PROPOSED.**

COMMISSION ORDER 8 – BUFFALO

Eight buffalo permits are recommended for the fall seasons. The Raymond Wildlife Area buffalo herd is recommended for 5 hunts. The first is an adult bull hunt with a single tag. The second is a single tag for an adult cow. The remaining 3 hunts are for 2 adult cow tags each.

No general hunts are recommended on the House Rock Wildlife Area because structured hunts have been ineffective in harvesting buffalo. As directed by the Commission last year, the Department reviewed the various available hunt structures and expected effectiveness for buffalo at the House Rock area, and continues to recommend that the best current hunt management structure is via the population management hunt structure. Spring hunts were expanded for 2007, but success of that strategy is not yet known. The House Rock herd is recommended for harvest using population management seasons that will allow the Department to be responsive to harvest opportunities when buffalo are available off the Grand Canyon National Park. The Commission will be provided with a briefing on House Rock buffalo hunt structures used historically and their relative effectiveness.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 8 – BUFFALO AS PROPOSED.**

COMMISSION ORDER 9 – BEAR

Fall bear season structures are unchanged from 2006. General seasons may occur from August 10-30 or October 5-December 31, 2007, whereas archery seasons may occur during August 31-October 4, 2007. This structure allows for season type (archery, general) similarity among open seasons for various species (bear, deer, elk). Regions recommended units without hunts to allow for areas where nuisance bears may be released if captured and relocated. The 2007 recommendation is for a sow quota of 81 for general and 12 for archery season, which is an overall reduction of 2 sows from 2006. Compliance with the mandatory physical check for bear has been very good.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 9 – BEAR AS PROPOSED.**

COMMISSION ORDER 10 – MOUNTAIN LION

The Department recommends that the mountain lion season should be open from September 1 to May 31. This will include a new three-month closure (June through August) to correspond to a documented peak in the birthing of mountain lions. This closure will protect young lion kittens

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when they are most vulnerable and address continuing social concerns for mountain lion management in Arizona. This recommendation came from the Predator Management Team report completed by the Department over two years ago and was derived through collaboration with external constituents. Units with multiple bag limits will remain open yearlong. Also, Camp Navajo has requested that the lands under their jurisdiction be opened for the take of mountain lion.

The Department recommends the removal of the multiple bag limit in Units 21 West because the pronghorn population in that area has met the minimum population objectives. The establishment of a multiple bag limit of 15 mountain lions is recommended for Units 16A South and 18B South to facilitate the successful establishment of a bighorn sheep population recently released in the Hell's Half Acre area.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 10 – MOUNTAIN LION AS PROPOSED.**

COMMISSION ORDER 26 – POPULATION MANAGEMENT SEASONS

Population management seasons are recommended for elk and buffalo to be available to deer hunters in Unit 12A and 12B (buffalo only to Unit 12A). Elk population management season permits are recommended at 1,725 and buffalo population management season permits are recommended at 1,425. These permits will be available only to hunters that successfully draw a deer tag in the coincidental deer hunt. Permit holders for these alternate species routinely have very low hunt success. During this past year, 4 adult bull buffalo and no elk were reportedly taken.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO APPROVE COMMISSION ORDER 26 – POPULATION MANAGEMENT SEASONS AS PROPOSED.**

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Attachments

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 2: Deer

General Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		1	Any antlered deer	200 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		2A, 2B, and 2C	Any antlered deer	80 -10
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(19)	3A and 3C	Any antlered deer	200 50
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		4A and 4B	Any antlered deer	150 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(20,22)	5A and 5B	Any antlered deer	450 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(20)	6A	Antlered mule deer	325 50
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(1,20)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Antlered mule deer	250 60
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(20)	7	Any antlered deer	800 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(20)	8	Antlered mule deer	600 100
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(20)	9	Any antlered deer	400 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		10	Any antlered deer	725 0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(2,3,17)	12A East (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	300 150
	Nov 23 - Dec 2, 2007	(2,3,17)	12A East (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	50 0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(2,4,17)	12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	900 400
	Nov 23 - Dec 2, 2007	(2,4,17)	12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	175 0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(13,17)	12B	Any antlered deer	25 0
	Nov 23 - Dec 2, 2007	(13,17)	12B	Any antlered deer	75 0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(5,13,17)	12B West	Any antlered deer	200 15
	Nov 16 - Nov 25, 2007	(13)	13A	Any antlered deer	55 15
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(13)	13B	Any antlered deer	85 10
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(6)	16A (except Mohave County Park lands)	Any antlered deer	650 50
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		17A	Any antlered deer	375 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		17B	Any antlered deer	400 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		18A	Any antlered deer	600 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		18B	Any antlered deer	600 50
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		19A	Any antlered deer	450 50
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		19B	Any antlered deer	250 50
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		20A	Any antlered deer	600 50
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		20B	Any antlered deer	350 50
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007		20C	Any antlered deer	350 50
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007		20C	Any antlered deer	200 50
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(13)	21	Antlered mule deer	450 50
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		22	Antlered mule deer	600 100
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		23	Antlered mule deer	575 50
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		24A	Antlered mule deer	140 -35
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007		24B	Antlered mule deer	450 0
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007		27	Antlered mule deer	725 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007		28	Antlered mule deer	400 0
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007		28	Antlered mule deer	400 0
No Hunt	Oct 27 - Nov 1, 2006	(11)	29	Antlered mule deer	0 -125
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(11)	29	Antlered mule deer	150 25
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(6,11)	30A	Antlered mule deer	300 0
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(6,11)	30A	Antlered mule deer	300 -50
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(11)	30B	Antlered mule deer	350 -50
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(11)	30B	Antlered mule deer	350 -50

General Deer

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
No Hunt	Oct 27 - Nov 1, 2006		31	Antlered mule deer	0 -100
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007		31	Antlered mule deer	300 100
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(11)	32	Antlered mule deer	200 -250
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(11)	32	Antlered mule deer	600 150
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007		33	Antlered mule deer	350 0
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007		33	Antlered mule deer	250 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(10)	34A	Antlered mule deer	25 -50
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007		34B	Antlered mule deer	100 0
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007		34B	Antlered mule deer	100 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(6)	36A	Antlered mule deer	350 0
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(6)	36A	Antlered mule deer	450 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(6)	36B	Antlered mule deer	175 25
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(6)	36B	Antlered mule deer	225 75
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(6)	36C	Antlered mule deer	100 0
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(6)	36C	Antlered mule deer	100 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(13)	37A	Antlered mule deer	150 -50
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(21)	37B	Any antlered deer	500 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(7,13)	39, 40A, and 40B (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 7)	Any antlered deer	300 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(8)	41	Any antlered deer	475 75
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007		42 (except White Tank Mountain Park)	Any antlered deer	300 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(6,8)	43A, 43B, 44A, and 44B	Any antlered deer	650 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(6)	45A, 45B, and 45C	Any antlered deer	275 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(20)	6A	Antlered whitetail deer	250 -150
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(20)	6A	Antlered whitetail deer	200 200
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(20)	6A	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(1,20)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Antlered whitetail deer	20 0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,20)	6B (except Camp Navajo) and 8	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(20)	8	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(13)	21	Antlered whitetail deer	400 50
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(13)	21	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		22	Antlered whitetail deer	500 0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		22	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		23	Antlered whitetail deer	600 175
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		23	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		24A	Antlered whitetail deer	600 50
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		24A	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007		24B	Antlered whitetail deer	250 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		24B	Antlered whitetail deer	250 50
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		24B	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		27 and 28	Antlered whitetail deer	150 0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		27 and 28	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(11)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	400 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(11)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	400 -50
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(11)	29	Antlered whitetail deer	75 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(6,11)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	250 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(6,11)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	275 0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(6,11)	30A	Antlered whitetail deer	75 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(11)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	250 0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(11)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	250 0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(11)	30B	Antlered whitetail deer	50 0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007		31	Antlered whitetail deer	550 100
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		31	Antlered whitetail deer	550 0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		31	Antlered whitetail deer	100 0

General Deer

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(11)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	650	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(11)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	650	0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(11)	32	Antlered whitetail deer	175	-25
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007		33	Antlered whitetail deer	750	25
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		33	Antlered whitetail deer	750	25
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		33	Antlered whitetail deer	150	0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(10)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	800	50
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(10)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	750	0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(10)	34A	Antlered whitetail deer	150	0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	175	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	200	0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		34B	Antlered whitetail deer	50	0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	400	100
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	300	50
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Antlered whitetail deer	50	0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	500	100
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	450	50
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		35B	Antlered whitetail deer	50	0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	450	50
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	550	0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(6)	36A	Antlered whitetail deer	100	0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	1025	25
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	1025	25
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(6)	36B	Antlered whitetail deer	200	0
	Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2007	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	350	25
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	350	25
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(6)	36C	Antlered whitetail deer	75	0
	Nov 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer		
				Total	40055	2080

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 5 - Oct 14, 2007		10	Any antlered deer	100	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 12, 2007	(2,12,18)	Winter Range Hunt Area in Unit 12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Antlerless deer	500	400
	Nov 16 - Nov 19, 2007	(2,12,18)	Winter Range Hunt Area in Unit 12A West (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Antlerless deer	300	300
	Oct 5 - Oct 14, 2007		16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any antlered deer	20	0
	Oct 5 - Oct 14, 2007		17B	Any antlered deer	60	0
	Nov 16 - Nov 25, 2007		18B	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Oct 5 - Oct 14, 2007		20A	Any antlered deer	50	20
	Nov 16 - Nov 25, 2007		20C	Any antlered deer	100	0
	Oct 5 - Oct 14, 2007		23	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Oct 5 - Oct 14, 2007		27	Any antlered deer	100	0
	Nov 16 - Nov 25, 2007	(11)	32	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Oct 5 - Oct 14, 2007		33	Any antlered deer	250	75

Juniors-Only Deer

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Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Nov 16 - Nov 25, 2007	(6)	36A	Any antlered deer	200	0
	Nov 16 - Nov 25, 2007		36C	Any antlered deer	25	25
	Nov 16 - Nov 25, 2007		42 (except White Tank Mountain Park)	Any antlered deer	75	0
	Nov 10 - Nov 25, 2007	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer		
				Total	2130	820

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

When applying for a Juniors-Only Hunt, do not reapply for the same species with family on a separate application.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

CHAMP Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
	Nov 16 - Nov 25, 2007	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114, and a CHAMP permit. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Limited to individuals with a Challenged Hunter Access/Mobility Permit (CHAMP) as pursuant to R12-4-217. Qualified individuals should contact Fort Huachuca for hunt numbers, season dates, and other requirements.

Muzzleloader Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		3B	Any antlered deer	70	0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(1,20)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any antlered deer	250	60
No Hunt	Nov 10 - Nov 16, 2006	(2,3)	12A East (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED)	Any antlered deer	0	-50
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(5,13,17)	12B West	Any antlered deer	35	35
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007	(6)	15A, 15B, 15C, and 15D	Any antlered deer	175	0
	Oct 26 - Nov 4, 2007		20B	Any antlered deer	150	0
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(10)	34A	Any antlered deer	100	0
	Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2007	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca) and 35B	Any antlered deer	50	-25
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(9)	35A (except Fort Huachuca) and 35B	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007	(7,8,13)	39, 40A, 40B, 41, and 42 (except White Tank Mountain Park) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Footnote 7)	Any antlered deer	50	0
	Oct 26 - Dec 31, 2007	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer		
				Total	930	20

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only (Muzzleloader) Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Dec 14 - Dec 31, 2007		16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any antlered deer	30 0
				Total	30 0

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

When applying for a Juniors-Only Hunt, do not reapply for the same species with family on a separate application.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

Archery-Only Nonpermit Tag Required Deer

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Aug 31 - Sep 20, 2007	(1,6,19,20,22)	1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11M, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 16A (except Mohave County Park Lands), 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19A, 19B, 20A, 20B, 20C, 21 (except Cave Creek Recreation Area), 22, 23, 24A, 24B, 27, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 34B, 35A (except Fort Huachuca), 35B, 36A, 36B, and 36C	Any antlered deer
Dec 14, 2007 - Jan 31, 2008	(6,7,8,9,10,11,13, 15,16,21)	10, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 19B, 20A, 20B, 20C, 21 (except Cave Creek Recreation Area), 22, 23, 24A, 24B, 25M, 26M, 28, 29, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 33, 34A, 34B, 35A (except Fort Huachuca), 35B, 36A, 36B, 36C, 37A, 37B, 38M (including Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area), 39, 40A, 40B, 41, 42, 43A, 43B, 44A, 44B, and 47M	Any antlered deer
Sep 14 - Sep 27, 2007	(13,14)	12A, 12B, and 13A (NORTH KAIBAB HABITAT MANAGEMENT STAMP REQUIRED FOR 12A)	Any antlered deer
Jan 1 - Jan 31, 2008	(6)	16A (except Mohave County Park Lands), 27, 45A, 45B, and 45C	Any antlered deer
Aug 31 - Sep 23, 2007	(1)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any antlered deer
Aug 31, 2007 - Jan 30, 2008	(9)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Designated deer

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Archery Deer hunt nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Notes:

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to deer hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. Hunt numbers must be obtained from the Arizona National Guard. For more information on how to apply for a Camp Navajo hunt, go to www.campnavajo.com and select Hunting. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.
2. Application fees for Kaibab deer hunts no longer include the additional \$5.00 Kaibab administrative fee per person. A Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp is now required for all Unit 12A (North Kaibab) deer hunters. These stamps are available at a cost of \$15.00 at all Arizona Game and Fish Department offices or wherever hunting licenses are sold. All 12A North Kaibab deer hunters shall have this stamp attached to their hunting license. They may not be obtained through the draw process. Successful Unit 12A (North Kaibab) deer hunters must check out and personally present their deer for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station in accordance with R12-4-308.
3. 12A East Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located east of AZ Hwy 67 and south of U.S. Hwy 89A.
4. 12A West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located west of AZ Hwy 67 and also that portion of Unit 12A located north of U.S. Hwy 89A.

5. 12B West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying west of BLM Rd. 1065 and north of U. S. Hwy 89A from the BLM 1065/ U.S. Hwy 89A junction west to the Kaibab National Forest boundary.
6. The Buenos Aires, Cibola, Imperial, and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges are open to deer hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
7. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.
8. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to deer hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit and coordination with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must check in with the YPG Hunting Program by calling the toll-free number prior to conducting any hunting activities on the range. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148, or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
9. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to deer hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Juniors only hunts are only open to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian dependents holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. CHAMP hunts are open to the general public. Hunt numbers, season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.
10. The Santa Rita Wildlife Area in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.
11. Hunter access in Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.
12. An "antlerless deer" is a deer, any age, without antlers.
13. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
14. All Unit 12A (North Kaibab) archery deer hunters shall have attached to their hunting license a Unit 12A (North Kaibab) Habitat Management Stamp. The stamp may be obtained for a cost of \$15.00, from any Arizona Game and Fish Department office or wherever hunting licenses are sold. Successful Unit 12A archery deer hunters must report their harvest by calling 1 (866) 903-DEER (3337). Unit 12A archery deer hunters are not required to check their deer for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station.
15. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
16. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the City of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
17. Individuals with permits for these hunts are eligible to purchase Restricted Nonpermit tags for the corresponding elk and/or buffalo population management seasons listed in Commission Order 26.
18. Winter Range Hunt Area in Unit 12A West - That portion of Unit 12A West located west of the following line: beginning at the junction of FR 22 (West Side road) and the Kaibab National Forest boundary; south on FR 22 to FR 462; southeasterly on FR 462 to the intersection of FR 462, FR 22, and FR 270; south on FR 270 to the Grand Canyon National Park boundary.
19. Unit 3C Hunts - For all hunts that include that portion of Unit 3C south of AZ Hwy 260. Due to the Rodeo-Chediski Fire, there are Special Restrictions per Forest Service Order in place: 1) Vehicle access is allowed only on roads marked with white arrows; 2) No overnight camping, except in designated areas. Camping is permitted in five areas south of AZ Hwy 260 including Black Canyon Rim Campground, Gentry Campground, Lewis Campground (contact Lakeside Ranger District first), some portions of the forest west of FS 300, just south of AZ Hwy 260, and some areas west of FS 512; 3) Cross-country travel with any type of motorized vehicle is not allowed; 4) Retrieval of big game is restricted to roads only (hunters with dead, down, and tagged big game animals can travel on any visible roads, including any secondary or two-track, to retrieve their animals). Please call the Black Mesa Ranger District Office (928-535-4481) or Lakeside Ranger District Office (928-368-5111) for questions regarding the Forest Order and camping areas.
20. The U.S. Forest Service has expressed concern regarding road damage during wet weather. The Department is working with the U.S. Forest Service to provide limited access via designated core roads in units 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, and 9 that will remain open during periods when other roads may be closed. When weather is deemed severe, the core roads may also be closed to prevent excessive road damage, provide for public safety, and protect natural resources. Roads that have been closed are closed to all users. Hunters should respect and obey road closures and drive responsibly during wet periods. It is recommended that hunters contact the appropriate Forest Service office to determine current road status for their hunt area (see the Index: Hunting on Public Lands).
21. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
22. In the northern portion of Unit 5A, access is permitted on the Clear Creek Ranch by written permission only. Written permission may be obtained at the Ranch headquarters located west of AZ Highway 87 at mile post 333.

DEFINITION: ANTLERED - means having an antler fully erupted through the skin and capable of being shed as defined in R12-4-101.

DEER BAG LIMIT: One (1) deer per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

ARCHERY DEER SPECIAL REGULATION: All Archery hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person, or by telephone (1-866-903-DEER [3337]), within ten (10) days of taking a deer unless the deer has been checked through a mandatory hunter checking station (Pursuant to R12-4-308).

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 5: Turkey

General Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		1	Any turkey	625	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		4A and 4B	Any turkey	425	50
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		5A	Any turkey	450	50
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007	(2)	5B North	Any turkey	35	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		6A	Any turkey	475	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007	(1)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any turkey	350	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		7	Any turkey	125	50
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		8 and 10	Any turkey	700	100
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		9	Any turkey	25	25
	Oct 5 - Oct 11, 2007		12A	Any turkey	1000	250
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		13A	Any turkey	5	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any turkey	5	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		17A, 17B, and 18B	Any turkey	25	10
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		22	Any turkey	125	25
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		23	Any turkey	700	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		27	Any turkey	800	0
Total					5870	560

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Turkey hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		1	Any turkey	25	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007	(3)	5B South	Any turkey	50	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		8 and 10	Any turkey	50	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 18, 2007		27	Any turkey	25	0
Total					150	0

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

When applying for a Juniors-Only Hunt, do not reapply for the same species with family on a separate application.

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Turkey hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

Archery-Only Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
Aug 31 - Sep 20, 2007	(1)	1, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B (except Camp Navajo), 7, 8, 9, 10, 11M, 17A, 17B, 18B, 20A, 22, 23, and 27	Any turkey
Sep 14 - Sep 27, 2007		12A	Any turkey
Aug 31 - Sep 23, 2007	(1)	Camp Navajo in Unit 6B	Any turkey

Archery-Only Turkey

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
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LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Archery Turkey hunt nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Notes:

1. Camp Navajo in Unit 6B is open to turkey hunting only to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Camp Navajo hunting permit. A hunter education course is required. Hunt numbers must be obtained from the Arizona National Guard. For more information on how to apply for a Camp Navajo hunt, go to www.campnavajo.com and select Hunting. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. In the event a hunt is cancelled due to an increase in security, hunters drawn for these permits will not be reimbursed or otherwise compensated by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.
2. 5B North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located north of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east on FR 125 to FR 82; south on FR 82 to FR 69B; east on FR 69B to FR 69.
3. 5B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 5B located south of the following roads: Beginning at the junction of FH 3 (Lake Mary/Clints Well Road) and FR 125; east on FR 125 to FR 82; south on FR 82 to FR 69B; east on FR 69B to FR 69.

TURKEY BAG LIMIT: One (1) turkey per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 6: Fall Javelina

General Fall Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		28	Any javelina	50	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(5)	29	Any javelina	40	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(2,5)	30A	Any javelina	50	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(5)	30B	Any javelina	20	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(8)	31	Any javelina	30	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(5,8)	32	Any javelina	75	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		33	Any javelina	105	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(4)	34A	Any javelina	60	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		34B	Any javelina	15	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(1)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Any javelina	15	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		35B	Any javelina	15	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007		36A	Any javelina	75	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(2)	36B	Any javelina	60	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(2)	36C	Any javelina	50	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(3)	37A	Any javelina	120	0
	Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2007	(6)	37B	Any javelina	140	0
				Total	920	0

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

HAM Fall Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007		28	Any javelina	15	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(5)	29	Any javelina	10	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(2,5)	30A	Any javelina	20	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(5)	30B	Any javelina	25	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(8)	31	Any javelina	20	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(5,8)	32	Any javelina	70	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007		33	Any javelina	70	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(4)	34A	Any javelina	45	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007		34B	Any javelina	10	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(1)	35A (except Fort Huachuca)	Any javelina	15	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007		35B	Any javelina	15	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007		36A	Any javelina	25	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(2)	36B	Any javelina	90	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(2)	36C	Any javelina	25	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(3)	37A	Any javelina	50	0
	Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(6)	37B	Any javelina	100	0
				Total	605	0

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Handguns, muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading handguns, crossbow, or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-318.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Archery-Only Fall Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Aug 31 - Sep 9, 2007	(2,5,8)	28, 29, 30A, 31, and 32	Any javelina	165	0
	Aug 31 - Sep 9, 2007	(5)	30B	Any javelina	35	0
	Aug 31 - Sep 9, 2007	(6)	33 and 37B	Any javelina	190	0
	Aug 31 - Sep 9, 2007	(3,4,7)	34A, 37A, and 38M	Any javelina	135	0
	Aug 31 - Sep 9, 2007	(1)	34B, 35A (except Fort Huachuca), and 35B	Any javelina	45	0
	Aug 31 - Sep 9, 2007	(2)	36A, 36B, and 36C	Any javelina	90	0
				Total	660	0

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Juniors-Only Archery-Only Fall Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Nov 2 – Nov 15, 2007		39	Any javelina	15 15
				Total	15 15

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Javelina hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335(C).

Juniors-Only Muzzleloader Fall Javelina

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
	Nov 16 – Nov 25, 2007		39	Any javelina	10 10
				Total	10 10

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Muzzleloading weapons as prescribed in R12-4-101 and R12-4-318, crossbow or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Deer hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS: Persons are eligible to participate up to and throughout the calendar year of their 17th birthday, provided that persons between the ages 10 and 13 have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Education Course that is approved by the Director as per ARS 17-335 (C).

Notes:

1. The Fort Huachuca Military Reservation in Unit 35A is open to javelina hunting only to properly licensed Fort Huachuca military and civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Hunt numbers must be obtained from Fort Huachuca (Phone 520-533-2549 or 520-533-7083). Applications for these hunts must be submitted to the Arizona Game and Fish Department by the published deadline.
2. The Buenos Aires Refuge is open to javelina hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
3. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
4. The Santa Rita Experimental range in Unit 34A is actively used for studies in wildlife management. Researchers are present all months and study sites are not always recognizable; hunters are urged to use caution while hunting and take care not to disturb study sites.
5. Hunter access into Units 29, 30A, 30B, and 32 is extremely restricted. Applicants should not apply for these units unless they have secured access.
6. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
7. Archery javelina hunters who intend to hunt in the Tucson Mountain Wildlife Area portion of Unit 38M must check in with the Arizona Game and Fish Tucson Regional Office prior to hunting per R12-4-802. Check-in involves gathering the hunter's name, address, and hunting license number, and validating the back of the hunting license. Hunters will be given a brochure including a map and rules and regulations of the TMWA.
8. BLM Recreation permit requirement (NEEDS TEXT)

JAVELINA BAG LIMIT: One (1) javelina per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 7: Bighorn Sheep

General Bighorn Sheep

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,12)	9 and 10	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,8,9,13)	12A and 12B West	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,8,10)	12B East	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,12,13)	13A	Any ram	5	2
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,8,13)	13B (north of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any ram	5	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,8,12)	13B (south of Wolfhole - Jacobs Well Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,12)	15A and 15B (east of Temple Bar Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	15B (west of Temple Bar Road)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	15C (north of Cottonwood Road)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	15C (south of Cottonwood Road)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	15D	Any ram	5	-2
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	16A (except Mohave County Park Lands)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	16B	Any ram	2	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	22	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	24B North (north and west of AZ Hwy 88)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	24B South (south and east of AZ Hwy 88)	Any ram	1	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	31 and 32	Any ram	2	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	37A	Any ram	2	1
No Hunt	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2006	(1,8)	39 (east of AZ Hwy 85)	Any ram	0	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	39 (west of AZ Hwy 85)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,3,8)	40A (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,3,13)	40B Gila Mtns (north of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,3,13)	40B Mohawk and Copper Mtns (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,3)	40B Tinajas Altas Mtns (south of Cipriano Pass) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	41E (east of the Dateland-Palomas-Harquahala Rd [Clanton Hills Rd])	Any ram	2	-2
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,4,13)	41W (west of the Dateland-Palomas-Harquahala Rd [Clanton Hills Rd] and south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)	Any ram	3	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,4)	43A (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,4,13)	43B (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 4)	Any ram	5	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	44A East (Harquahala Mtns, Little Harquahala Mtns, Harcuvar Mtns, and Granite Wash Mtns)	Any ram	1	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	44A West (west of Swansea Rd. and south of Bill Williams River Rd.)	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	44B (north of I-10)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	44B (south of I-10 and that portion of 45A and 45B north of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	45A (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	5	1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	45B (south of the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline - Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	1	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,13)	45C (Kofa National Wildlife Refuge)	Any ram	4	-1
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,3,5,13)	46A (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	2	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,3,5,13)	46B (Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge) (Special Restrictions Apply - See Note 3)	Any ram	6	0
	Nov 1 - Nov 30, 2007	(1,6)	Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27	Any ram	1	0

General Bighorn Sheep

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1)	23 and 24A	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,11)	Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any ram	1	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 15, 2007	(1,13)	27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191/666) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 16 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,13)	27 (south of FR 217 and west of U.S. Hwy 191/666) and 28 (north of U.S. Hwy 70)	Any ram	3	0
	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,7,13)	Footo Creek Hunt Area in Unit 27 North	Any ram	5	0
Total					96	3

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) Bighorn Sheep hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Notes:

1. All bighorn sheep hunters must personally check out within 3 days following the close of the season in accordance with R12-4-308. Unsuccessful hunters and those who did not hunt must also check out either in person or by telephone.
2. The Bill Williams River, Cabeza Prieta, Havasu, Imperial and Kofa National Wildlife Refuges are open to bighorn sheep hunting as permitted by refuge regulations; all other Refuges are closed.
3. Entry into portions of Units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.
4. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG) is closed to bighorn sheep hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit and coordination with YPG Range Control. Hunters drawn for units 41W, 43A, or 43B who plan to hunt on YPG must check in with the YPG Hunting Program by calling the toll-free number prior to conducting any hunting activities on the range. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148, or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
5. Due to travel restrictions in the Wilderness Area, those persons interested in hunting bighorn sheep on the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge should contact the Refuge Manager (520) 387-6483 for information regarding special refuge regulations prior to applying.
6. Black River Hunt Area in Units 1 and 27 - That portion of Units 1 and 27 beginning at the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary and FR 82; east on FR 82 to FR 25; east on FR 25 to FR 24 (Buffalo Crossing); north on FR 24 to FR 249E; east on FR 249E to FR 249; east on FR 249 to FR 403; east on FR 403 to FR 276; south on FR 276 to FR 37; south on FR 37 to FR 405; south on FR 405 to FR 24; south on FR 24 to FR 25; northwest on FR 25 to FR 25D; west on FR 25D to the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary; north along the San Carlos Indian Reservation boundary to FR 82.
7. Footo Creek Hunt Area in Unit 27 North - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 180 and the New Mexico state line; south along the New Mexico state line to FR 232; west on FR 232 to FR 281; south on FR 281 to FR Trail 75; west on FR Trail 75 to FR Trail 76; west on FR Trail 76 to U.S. Hwy 191/666; north on U.S. Hwy 191/666 to U.S. Hwy 180; east on U.S. Hwy 180 to the New Mexico state line.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
9. 12B West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying west of BLM road 1065 and north of U.S. Hwy 89A from the BLM 1065/ U.S.Hwy 89A junction west to the Kaibab National Forest boundary.
10. 12B East Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying east of BLM road 1065 and south of the segment of U.S. Hwy 89A between the Kaibab National Forest Boundary easterly to Navajo Bridge.
11. Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow; east-northeast on FR trail 76 to FR trail 75; east on FR trail 75 through Grant Creek drainage to FR 281 (the Blue Road); north on FR road 281 to FR trail 52; east-southeast on FR trail 52, in Lanphier Canyon, to FR trail 55; south-southwest on FR trail 55 through Bear Valley to Blue River; north-northwest in Blue River to FR trail 20; west on FR trail 20 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to FR Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow.
12. This unit has a low density bighorn sheep population in a remote area with difficult access. Hunters should be prepared for backcountry camping and extensive strenuous hiking in an extremely remote, harsh hunting environment.
13. Non-residents: Permits are available within these hunt numbers for which you may be drawn in accordance with R12-4-114(E).

BIGHORN BAG LIMIT: One (1) desert bighorn sheep in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120. One (1) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

DEFINITION: RAM - means any male bighorn sheep, excluding male lambs.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 8: Buffalo

General Buffalo

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Hunt No.	Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits	
	Sep 22 - Sep 23, 2007	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult bull buffalo only	1	1
	Sep 22 - Sep 23, 2007	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult cow buffalo only	1	-1
	Sep 29 - Sep 30, 2007	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult cow buffalo only	2	0
	Oct 13 - Oct 14, 2007	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult cow buffalo only	2	0
	Oct 27 - Oct 28, 2007	(1)	5A and 5B (Raymond Wildlife Area Herd)	Adult cow buffalo only	2	0
Total					8	0

WHEN APPLYING FOR BIG GAME HUNT PERMIT-TAGS, YOU MUST USE HUNT NUMBERS!

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow, centerfire handguns, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304. Note that bow and arrow or centerfire handguns may NOT be used at Raymond Wildlife Area.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Buffalo hunt permit-tag obtained only through application and drawing procedures as prescribed in R12-4-104 and R12-4-114. Applicants must apply by Hunt Number.

Notes:

1. A hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the Raymond Wildlife Area herd shall be accompanied by an authorized Department employee who shall designate the animal to be harvested and shall hunt in the order scheduled by the Department in accordance with R12-4-306.
2. An unsuccessful hunter with a buffalo hunt permit-tag for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd shall check out in person or by telephone at either the Department's Flagstaff regional office or the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters within three days following the close of the season. A successful buffalo hunter shall report information about the kill to the Department within five business days after taking the buffalo either in person at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters or in person or by telephone at the Department's Flagstaff regional office. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's tag number, the sex of the buffalo taken, the number of days hunted, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information. (R12-4-306).
3. Successful applicants will be contacted in writing by the Arizona Game and Fish Department to provide them with additional information regarding their hunt.

BUFFALO BAG LIMIT: One (1) buffalo in a lifetime except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

HOUSE ROCK BUFFALO HUNT SPECIAL NOTE: During the fall and spring hunts at the House Rock Wildlife Area (HRWA), a significant portion of the herd has in the past moved to the Grand Canyon National Park where hunting is not allowed. Hunters are advised that if this occurs, their ability to successfully harvest a buffalo may be significantly impacted. As with any hunt, circumstances beyond the control of the Arizona Game and Fish Department may prevent the permit holder from being successful. The Arizona Game and Fish Department and Commission disclaims any responsibility to reissue or replace a permit, to reinstate bonus points, to refund any fees, or to provide any other form of relief.

The HRWA buffalo hunt is considered to be one of the most difficult hunts in the state. Buffalo can be difficult to locate. Plan on spending the entire season hunting, as an abbreviated hunt will lower your chances of success. Buffalo hunters must dress and care for their own animals; the Department will not assist. Take time to improve your physical condition. Hunters are often required to walk considerable distances (up to 8 miles) every day over rugged terrain. House Rock hunters should be prepared for remote and primitive conditions.

High clearance or four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended. Some portions of HRWA are included in the U.S. Forest Service wilderness system that does not preclude hunter access but does limit their means of transportation and equipment usage. For more information, call the Flagstaff Regional Office at 928-774-5045.

BUFFALO SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Buffalo meat taken under this Order may be sold as prescribed in R12-4-305. SEE BUFFALO HUNT REGULATIONS UNDER R12-4-306.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 9: Bear

General Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Obj
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	1, 2A, 2B, and 2C	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	3B	Any bear except sows with cubs	5
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	3C	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	4A and 5A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	4B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	5B	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	6A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	6B (except Camp Navajo)	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	7 and 9	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	8	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	10, 18A, 19B, 20A, and 20B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	17A, 17B, and 18B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	19A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,8)	21	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,3)	22 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	4
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2,4)	22 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,4)	22 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2,5)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	5
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2,6)	23 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Oct 5 - Dec 30, 2007	(1,2,6)	23 South	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	24A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	24A	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 10 - Aug 30, 2007	(1,2)	24B	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs	12
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	28	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	29 and 30A	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	31	Any bear except sows with cubs	3
Oct 5 - Dec 31, 2007	(1,2)	32	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Total				81

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Archery-Only Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Fem Harv Obj
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	4B	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	6B (except Camp Navajo) and 11M	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	19A	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2,5)	23 North	Any bear except sows with cubs	2
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	27	Any bear except sows with cubs	5
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2)	32	Any bear except sows with cubs	1
Aug 31 - Oct 4, 2007	(1,2,7)	Fort Huachuca in Unit 35A	Any bear except sows with cubs	

Archery-Only Bear

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife
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LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Bear nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Notes:

1. No person shall knowingly use any substance as bait at any time to attract or take bear.
2. When the number of bears equaling the female harvest objective for a particular hunt has been reported killed, the unit(s) will be closed at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-800-970-BEAR (-2327) before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open.
3. 22 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located north of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
4. 22 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 22 located south of the following: Beginning at the confluence of the Verde River and the East Verde River; easterly along the East Verde River to FR 406; easterly on FR 406 to Payson; easterly on AZ Hwy 260 to the Unit Boundary.
5. 23 North Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located north of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
6. 23 South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 23 located south of the following: Beginning at the junction of Tonto Creek and Spring Creek; east along Spring Creek to FR 134; east on FR 134 to FR 129; east on FR 129 to AZ Hwy 288; east on AZ Hwy 288 to FR 54; east on FR 54 to FR 202; south on FR 202 to FR 127; east on FR 127 to FR 127A; east on FR 127A to the Fort Apache Indian Reservation boundary.
7. The Fort Huachuca Army Garrison in Unit 35A is open to bear hunting only to properly licensed military and Fort Huachuca civilian personnel holding a valid Fort Huachuca post hunting permit. Season dates and/or special regulations must be obtained from Fort Huachuca. Increases in Force Protection may result in hunt cancellations at any time with little or no prior notification. For additional information, go to <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/USAG/DIS/hunting.html> or call (520) 533-1867 or (520) 533-7083.
8. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.

BEAR BAG LIMIT: One (1) bear per calendar year except as prescribed in R12-4-120.

BEAR SPECIAL REGULATIONS: As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-800-970-BEAR (2327) within 48 hours of taking a bear. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the bear taken, management unit where the bear was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a bear, the hunter shall present the bear's skull, hide, and attached proof of sex to a designated Arizona Game and Fish Department employee for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 10: Mountain Lion

General Mountain Lion

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Harvest Obj
Sep 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008	10,11,12,13,	Statewide (except National Wildlife Refuges, Mohave County Park Lands and Units 11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M, and any hunt listed below in Commission Order 10 with a harvest objective)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,12)	6A South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	15
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,6,7)	13B South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3)	15B (west of Temple Bar Rd), 15C, and 15D	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,15)	16A South and 18B South	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	15
Sep 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008	(2,4,13)	16B, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, and 44B (except for National Wildlife Refuges)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	1
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3)	22 (south of AZ Hwy 87 and FR 143, and west of AZ Hwy 188)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	12
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,10)	Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	5
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,11)	Pipestem Hunt Area in Unit 27	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	10
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3,6,13)	40A	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	4
Jul 1, 2007 - Jun 30, 2008	(3)	42 (south of the Buckeye-Aguila Rd and west of 355th Ave)	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	2

General Mountain Lion

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Harvest Obj
			Total	84

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Mountain Lion nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Archery-Only Mountain Lion

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Harvest Obj
Sep 1, 2007 - May 31, 2008	(5,8,9)	11M, 25M, 26M, 38M, and 47M	Any lion except spotted kittens or females accompanied by spotted kittens	
			Total	

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304 and R12-4-318 and crossbow as prescribed in R12-4-216.

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: Any valid hunting license (excluding Class H) plus Mountain Lion nonpermit-tag obtained from a license dealer as prescribed in R12-4-114.

Notes:

1. Camp Navajo is open to mountain lion hunting. For information on access and special regulations on Camp Navajo, go to www.campnavajo.com and select Hunting.
2. When the number of mountain lions equaling the harvest objective has been reported, Units 16B, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, and 44B will close at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to determine if their desired hunt unit is still open.
3. When the number of mountain lions equaling the harvest objective for a particular hunt has been reported, that hunt will revert to the statewide bag limit of one (1) lion per calendar year at sundown the Wednesday immediately following. Hunters are responsible for calling 1-877-438-0447 before hunting to determine if the harvest objective for their desired hunt unit is still in effect.
4. The U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground is closed to mountain lion hunting, except those areas open in accordance with U.S. Army regulations to properly licensed hunters holding a valid Yuma Proving Ground Hunting Program Access permit. Occasionally, due to military activities, some affected hunting areas may be temporarily closed. For information write: U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground - Bldg. 105, Attn: Hunting Program, 301 C. Street, Yuma, AZ 85365-9498 or call toll-free 1-877-788-HUNT (4868) or (928) 328-2148, or www.yuma.army.mil/hunting_program.htm.
5. Method of take may be further restricted by local government regulations.
6. The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
7. 13B South Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 13B south of the following line: beginning at the junction of the Arizona/Nevada state line and county road 101. Northeast along county road 101 to county road 5. Southerly on county road 5 to county road 257. Southerly on county road 257 to BLM road 1045. Southerly on BLM road 1045 to the bottom of Whitmore Canyon. South in Whitmore Canyon to the Colorado River.
8. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 47M in the following described area: an unincorporated portion of land within the city of Mesa known as the Elliott and Hawes County Island in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 7 East.
9. Hunting is not permitted in Unit 26M in the following described area: Those private lands lying just north of the Town of Cave Creek in Sections 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15 of Township 6 North, Range 4 East.
10. Bear Canyon Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR trail 76 at Hannagan Meadow; east-northeast on FR trail 76 to FR trail 75; east on FR trail 75 through Grant Creek drainage to FR 281 (the Blue Road); north on FR road 281 to FR trail 52; east-southeast on FR trail 52, in Lanphier Canyon, to FR trail 55; south-southwest on FR trail 55 through Bear Valley to Blue River; north-northwest in Blue River to FR trail 20; west on FR trail 20 to U.S. Hwy 191; north on U.S. Hwy 191 to FR Trailhead 76 at Hannagan Meadow.

11. Pipestem Hunt Area in Unit 27 - That portion of Unit 27 beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 191 and FR trail 20; east on FR trail 20 to Blue River; south in Blue river to FR trail 55; east-northeast on FR trail 55 to FR trail 41; east-southeast on FR trail 41 to the Arizona-New Mexico stateline; south on the Arizona-New Mexico stateline to the San Francisco River; west in the San Francisco River to Blue River; north in Blue River to FR 475 (the Juan Miller road); west on FR 475 to U.S. Hwy 191; north U.S. Hwy 191 to FR trail 20.
12. 6A South Hunt Unit - That portion of 6A east of I-17 and south of FR 213 (Stoneman Lake Road).
13. Entry into portions of units 40A, 40B, 46A, and 46B is subject to military closure and requires coordination with the Barry M. Goldwater Range for hunting access. For specifics about accessing the Barry M. Goldwater Range refer to the Index: Hunting on Public Lands.
14. The Florence Military Reservation (training areas B and D: the areas north and south of Cottonwood Canyon Road) in Unit 37B is subject to short term closures due to military operations, including live fire operations, and requires coordination with the Florence Military Reservation for hunting access. For specific closure dates or any other access concerns, contact the Florence Military Reservation at 602-267-2062. A map of the Florence Military Reservation is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department's website, azgfd.gov (type Florence Military Reservation in the search box).
15. Unit 16A South and 18B South Hunt Unit – Those portions of Units 16A and 18B beginning in Wikieup at Chicken Springs Road and U.S. Hwy 93; north on U.S. Hwy 93 for 2.2 miles to Pump Station Road; east on Pump Station Road for 0.9 miles to Back Road; north on Back road for 1.8 miles to Boner Canyon road (unmarked); northeast on Boner Canyon Road to Bogles Ranch Road near SV Ranch headquarters (stay right at each road fork); south on Bogles Ranch Road for 3.5 miles to Black Canyon drainage; northeast in Black Canyon drainage to Francis Creek; southeast on Francis Creek to Burro Creek; northeast on Burro Creek to Conger Creek; southeast on Conger Creek to Conger Springhead; south on access road to Bozarth Mesa Road; east on Bozarth Mesa Road to Camp Wood (Yolo) Road, the Unit 17B-18B boundary; southwest on Camp Wood Road to AZ Hwy 96 in Bagdad; southeast on AZ Hwy 96 to the Santa Maria River; southwest along Santa Maria River to Alamo Lake; westerly along the north shore of Alamo Lake to Alamo Road; northwest on Alamo Road to Chicken Springs Road; southeast on Chicken Springs Road to U.S. Hwy 93.

MOUNTAIN LION BAG LIMIT: One (1) mountain lion per calendar year statewide. Units 16B, 40B, 41, 43A, 43B, and 44B will close to the take of mountain lions following the reported harvest of a mountain lion. In units with a harvest objective greater than one (1), hunters may take one (1) mountain lion per day until the harvest objective is reached. Once the harvest objective has been reached in units with a harvest objective greater than one (1), the season will remain open and revert to calendar year bag limit of one (1) mountain lion. Mountain lions taken under the one (1) per day bag limit do not apply towards the calendar year bag limit until the harvest objective is reached.

MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL REGULATION: As prescribed in R12-4-308, all hunters must contact an Arizona Game and Fish Department office in person or by telephone at 1-877-438-0447 within 48 hours of taking a lion. The report shall include the hunter's name, hunting license number, tag number, sex of the lion taken, management unit where the lion was taken, and telephone number at which the hunter can be reached to obtain additional information. Within 10 days of taking a lion, the hunter shall present the lions skull, hide, and attached proof of sex for inspection. If a hunter freezes the skull or hide before presenting it for inspection, the hunter shall prop the jaw open to allow access to the teeth and ensure that the attached proof of sex is identifiable and accessible (pursuant to R12-4-308). A premolar tooth will be removed during the inspection. Successful hunters are encouraged to contact the nearest Department office by telephone to coordinate inspections.

MOUNTAIN LION SPECIAL NOTE: Hunters may encounter mountain lions wearing radio collars around Flagstaff, Prescott, Payson, and Tucson. The lions instrumented with these collars are part of several ongoing research projects. The collars are used to track lion movements as researchers try to learn how the lions use various habitat types and urban interface areas. The longevity of these lions is important to the ongoing research, and data collected will help to improve Arizona's management of lions in the future. If you would like more information about any of these research efforts please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department Research Branch at (602) 789-3247. Also, if one of these animals is harvested, the hunter is asked to return the collar, as well as any other marking device, such as an ear tag, to a Department office or officer when doing the required physical check-in of the carcass parts.

Hunt Recommendations

Commission Order 26: Population Management Seasons

Elk

Elk General Population Management Seasons

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(9,10,12)	12A East	Any elk	300
Nov 23 - Dec 2, 2007	(9,10,12)	12A East	Any elk	50
Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(9,10,13)	12A West	Any elk	900
Nov 23 - Dec 2, 2007	(9,10,13)	12A West	Any elk	175
Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(8,9,10)	12B	Any elk	25
Nov 23 - Dec 2, 2007	(8,9,10)	12B	Any elk	75
Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(8,9,10,14)	12B West	Any elk	200
			Total	1725

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Any firearm or bow and arrow as prescribed in R12-4-304.

Buffalo

Buffalo General Population Management Seasons

Open Areas do not include any area closed to hunting under A.R.S. sections 17-303 and 17-304 or Commission Rules R12-4-301, R12-4-801, R12-4-802 and R12-4-803.

Season Dates	Notes	Open Areas	Legal Wildlife	Permits
Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(9,10,11,12,15)	12A East	Any buffalo	300
Nov 23 - Dec 2, 2007	(9,10,11,12,15)	12A East	Any buffalo	50
Oct 12 - Oct 21, 2007	(9,10,11,13,15)	12A West	Any buffalo	900
Nov 23 - Dec 2, 2007	(9,10,11,13,15)	12A West	Any buffalo	175
			Total	1425

LAWFUL TAKING METHODS: Bow and arrow, centerfire handguns, centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, or all other rifles using black powder as prescribed in R12-4-304. Bow and arrow or centerfire handguns may NOT be used on Raymond Wildlife Area.

Notes:

- The Grand Canyon-Parashant, Vermilion Cliffs, Sonoran Desert, Ironwood Forest, and Agua Fria National Monuments are open to hunting.
- Restricted nonpermit tags for these population management seasons will be available to permit holders in corresponding big game seasons.
- Successful elk and/or buffalo hunters must check out and personally present their elk and/or buffalo for inspection at the Jacob Lake Checking Station in accordance with R12-4-308.
- Individuals that have previously harvested a buffalo in Arizona and have met the one (1) per lifetime bag limit are not eligible to purchase the restricted nonpermit tag for buffalo.
- 12A East Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located east of AZ Hwy 67 and south of U.S. Hwy 89A.
- 12A West Hunt Unit - that portion of Unit 12A located west of AZ Hwy 67 and also that portion of Unit 12A located north of U.S. Hwy 89A.
- 12B West Hunt Unit - That portion of Unit 12B lying west of BLM Rd. 1065 and north of U. S. Hwy 89A from the BLM 1065/ U.S. Hwy 89A junction west to the Kaibab National Forest boundary.
- An unsuccessful hunter, or hunter who did not hunt, with a buffalo restricted nonpermit-tag for the House Rock Wildlife Area herd shall check out in person or by telephone at either the Department's Flagstaff regional office or the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters within three days following the close of the season. A successful buffalo hunter shall report information about the kill to the Department within five business days after taking the buffalo either in person at the House Rock Wildlife Area headquarters or in person or by telephone at the Department's Flagstaff regional office. If the kill is reported by telephone, the report shall include the name of the hunter, the hunter's tag number, the sex of the buffalo taken, the number of days hunted, and a telephone number where the hunter can be reached for additional information (R12-4-306).

Special Notes:

LICENSE REQUIRED: Class F or G license plus restricted nonpermit-tag for legal wildlife. Successful applicants for Population Management Hunts may not exceed the bag limit except as prescribed in R12-4-120.